## AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 LOUISVILLE AT WORK TEAM

## Team Leaders Meeting Summary June 1, 2009

- The meeting was called to order by Rick Johnstone who noted that a number of team members were unable to be in attendance today. He introduced the new Metro Director of Housing, David Howard.
- Kim Allen updated attendees on issues related to competitive grants. She reported that a local grant was submitted under Local Youth Mentoring Program by Big Brothers/Big Sisters Kentuckiana. The application requested \$486,000 in funding to support an expanded school-based mentoring program and included a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club as well as additional sites in Bowling Green and Lexington. It was noted that Louisville Metro did not receive an award under the National Clean Diesel Program, but will be participating in a debriefing session with program representatives and resubmitting the application in the next round of funding. Kim also reported that information has been released on the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Program (applications due July 10) and the Port Security Grant Program (applications due June 29).
- Beth Niblock reported that she will be attending a meeting in Frankfort scheduled by Secretary Miller this week to discuss broadband initiatives. It is anticipated that guidelines will be issued for the stimulus funding by late summer.
- Rick Johnstone presented an overview of the revamped Louisville at Work website at <a href="https://www.louisvilleky.gov">www.louisvilleky.gov</a>. In keeping with the goal of transparency, the website has been revised to promote easier access to information by individuals and non-profit organizations. It was noted that the team project trackers are being updated weekly and include information on the status of grant applications and bid processes along with the ability to drill down to weekly one-page summaries of team meetings. Rick encouraged team members to review and share the information with their staff. Ultimately, a LOJIC map will be included to identify the location of ARRA projects. It is estimated that the website has already received 8000-9000 hits.
- Susan Neumayer reiterated that the ARRA Act requires executive certification on all
  infrastructure projects. A simple certification form is now available along with a
  cover letter under Rick Johnstone's signature. Team leaders will be asked to sign-off
  and forward the information to Rick for his signature and ultimate approval by the
  Mayor.
- Rick reported that Rebecca Byers, Washington Liaison, will be in Louisville on Thursday and Friday of this week to meet with Louisville at Work staff and attend team meetings. Rick encouraged members to contact her with any questions or needs for clarification since she will be attending an upcoming meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and stimulus issues will be discussed.
- Team leaders in attendance were asked to present progress reports.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 106.